

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5, 21, 39, 145–167, S. Res. 10–12, and S. Con. Res. 4–5.

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Johnny Carson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 10, honoring the life of Johnny Carson.

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Honoring Rev. Lloyd Ogilvie: Senate agreed to S. Res. 11, honoring the service of Reverend Lloyd Ogilvie.

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Commending USC Trojans Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 12, commending the University of Southern California Trojans football team for winning the 2004 Bowl Championship Series championship game.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, of California, to be Secretary of State.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur following 60 minutes for closing remarks.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, following the vote on the nomination of Condoleezza Rice, with 30 minutes of debate equally divided, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, following the vote on the nomination of Jim Nicholson, with 2 hours of debate equally divided, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Lott, Baucus, and Rockefeller.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 26, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S 507.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee; and,

The nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Hatch (Chair), Snowe, Frist, Kyl, Thomas, Santorum, Bunning, Rockefeller, Jeffords, Bingaman, Kerry, and Wyden.

Subcommittee on International Trade: Senators Thomas (Chair), Crapo, Lott, Smith, Bunning, Hatch,